



Dear Parent,

27th April 2021

Re: Ofsted report April 2021

I'm delighted to write to you to share the Ofsted report from our recent remote inspection in March. The team have been working relentlessly towards our goal of being recognised as an outstanding school. This report shows we are making excellent progress towards this ambitious target.

Some key quotes from the report are:

- Leaders and those responsible for governance **are** taking effective action to provide education in the current circumstances.
- Leaders and governors have taken appropriate actions to address the weaknesses in the curriculum for pupils in Years 7 to 9. These pupils now benefit from a curriculum that matches the breadth and ambition of the national curriculum. Leaders and governors are also taking the necessary steps to put a new, ambitious curriculum in place for pupils in Years 10 and 11. As a result, pupils who enter Year 10 in September 2021 will embark on a key stage 4 curriculum that builds on the knowledge that they have gained in key stage 3.
- Leaders and teachers have not been distracted from providing pupils with an appropriate education in the current circumstances
- Pupils in Year 7 told us that they have settled back into school well. They feel confident to ask for any further support if they need it.
- Teachers are providing Year 11 pupils with helpful opportunities to identify what they know and remember about their GCSE courses. These pupils have also benefited from virtual careers events and individual careers advice. Pupils said that they feel well equipped to make important choices about their next steps in education, employment or training.
- Pupils who are learning remotely are well supported. These pupils engage in activities that cover the same knowledge as pupils who are learning in school. Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) who are learning from home benefit from additional support from a specialist tutor.
- Leaders have ensured that pupils with SEND have appropriate access to the support that they usually receive, including support for their well-being.
- The governing body has worked closely and productively...throughout the pandemic. They have a clear understanding of the actions required to improve the curriculum. Governors have kept a close eye on the actions that leaders have taken to provide an education in the current circumstances.

After so much great work, the team are overjoyed at the summary which recognises the dedication of our staff and the expectation we have of ourselves to 'go the extra mile' for our

school community. We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure our students are 'known and valued' as part of our small school ethos whilst continuing to be unapologetically ambitious for each and every child.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Galvin', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mat Galvin